

## Message Text

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FM AMEMBASSY KINSHASA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6048

INFO AMEMBASSY MONROVIA IMMEDIATE

AMEMBASSY LIBREVILLE IMMEDIATE

JCS IMMEDIATE

CINCLANT IMMEDIATE

CINCEUR IMMEDIATE

CINCUSNAVEUR IMMEDIATE

CINCLANTFLT IMMEDIATE

S E C R E T KINSHASA 400

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MISITARY ADDRESSEES HANDLE AS SPECAT EXCLUSIVE

E.O. 11652: XGDS-2

TAGS: PINR,CG

SUBJECT: U.S. NAVAL SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS

REF: STATE 009038; LIBREVILLE 0090

1. BERTHING AND ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR SUPPORT GROUP  
CAN BE HANDLED HERE.

2. RELIABLE SOURCE ADVISES THAT JP-T IS NOT AVAILABLE IN  
ZAIRE NOR ARE THERE FACILITES IN COUNTRY TO HANDLE SUCH.  
JP-1 IS ONLY JET FUEL AVAILABLE IN ZAIRE.

3. 255,000 TO 355,000 POUNDS REPRESENTS APPROXIMATELY  
40 PER CENT OF ZAIRE'S CURRENT DAILY REQUIREMENTS. STOCKS PLUS  
SUPPLIES ENROUTE ARE SUFFICIENT TO PERMIT APPROXIMATELY 10 TO 13  
DAYS OF OPERATIONS AT INDICATED LEVEL WITHOUT JEOPARDIZING  
COMMERCIAL REQUIREMENTS PROVIDING GOZ AUTHORIZES FULL  
SUPPORT FOR OPERATION. WITH 20 DAYS NOTICE REQUIREMENT

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COULD BE HANDLED ON AN INDEFINITE BASIS.

4. PRICE WOULD BE NEGOTIATED WITH PETROZAIE BUT PROBABLY WOULD BE APPROXIMATELY 55 CENTS PER GALLON UNLESS LONG-TERM CONTRACT COULD BE NEGOTIATED.

5. FACILITIES TO HANDLE THIS OPERATION ARE ONLY AT KINSHASA.

6 COMMENT: THE GOZ, WE BELIEVE, WOULD BE VERY RECEPTIVE TO OUR REQUEST AND INDEED COULD VIEW THE SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS AS A WELCOME RESPONSE TO THEIR WORRIES OVER THE SOVIET THREAT TO THEIR OWN SECURITY. THE DEPARTMENT, SHOULD, HOWEVER TAKE INTO ACCOUNT POSSIBLE NEGATIVE FALLOUT:

(A) THE DEGREE TO WHICH GOZ GRANTING OF OPERATING RIGHTS WILL DETRACT FROM THE ZAIRIAN CASE AGAINST THE SOVIET/CUBAN PRESENCE IN ANGOLA/CABINDA/CONGO.

(B) SUPPORT TEAM AND CREWS WILL ADD TO OUR ALREADY LARGE PRESENCE IN KINSHASA AND COULD LEAD TO SPECULATION RE U.S. ACTIVITIES IN AND AROUND ANGOLA. INCLUDING CHARGES WE HAVE ESTABLISHED A "BASE" CLOSE TO THE WAR ZONE.

ON BALANCE, WE BELIEVE THAT THE SURVEILLANCE FLIGHTS WOULD BE BETTER BASED ELSEWHERE, BUT IF NO OTHER FACILITIES ARE AVAILABLE AND THE FLIGHTS ARE DEEMED ESSENTIAL, WE'LL SET IT UP HERE. END COMMENT. CUTLER

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